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REDDING MAN INDICTED FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that on January 12, 2006, a federal grand jury returned a one-count indictment charging RONALD LYERLA, 65, of Redding, California, with possessing child pornography.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Redding Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Carolyn K. Delaney, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that on or about June 7, 2005, law enforcement agents discovered LYERLA in possession of images of child pornography contained on his computers, CD-Rs, and floppy disks.

If convicted, the maximum penalty under federal law for each offense is 20 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000, and a special assessment of \$100.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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